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H.B. No. 3379

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the duty to report child abuse and neglect.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 261.101(a), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person who has credible information that causes the person ~~[having cause]~~ to believe that a child's physical or mental health or welfare has been adversely affected by abuse or neglect by any person shall immediately make a report as provided by this subchapter. For purposes of this subsection, "credible information" means information supported by corroborating circumstances that clearly indicate the information's trustworthiness.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a report of suspected abuse or neglect of a child that is made on or after the effective date of this Act. A report of suspected abuse or neglect that is made before that date is governed by the law in effect on the date the report was made, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.